Dear Howard, 6/2/75

In haste because a student from the Univ Va will be here soon and I want to mail this in the a.m.

The Congressman's office is that of Downing of Virginia. His AA is Tiny Hutton, an assistant Rick Feeney. Probably one of them will be around at the meeting of which Floyd told you and I'll then introduce. You'll not have much time, but you might drop Feeney a note.

Lifton told you the essence of what Nichols did. So, Lifton is about to do the same. I'll write him again. I did, cautioning him. Only a zany self-seeker would think that after all these years there is suddenly a rush. You'll understand better when you are here and read a subdued version of an affidavit Jim is filing in the .a.m.

Now Nichols is filing the same suit to get the same right to do his own tests. Alas I'll be laying a foundation, having no choice, as you'll also understand. His remains the wrong way and all these cats do is mess.

Instead of giving these Congressional people lost of exciting evidence I gave them a hasty outline of the problems they face, beginning with their resolution. I think it has probably been amended. I then said if they want to see evidence, some up. They did that Saturday, for about 6 hours. They know enough now.

Floyd Lamore called me today and said he'd spoke to you last night and that you would speak on the medical evidence. For many reasons I think this is wrong. I think the whole concept of a show is wrong but there is a limit to how much restraint I feel I should try to apply or how much I'd want to accept were the positions reversed.

There are special reasons for urging you not to go into this technical stuff, aside from the possibility that you might say what you should not. The audience, by and large, will be underinformed and misinformed. I think that the simplest concepts are better. Not because they'll lack comprehension or intelligence. Because of other reasons. What is more direct, easier to grasp without elaborate detail, more interesting and not subject to learned nitpicking. Just talk about the presumption of guilt and of the lack of investigation, with the framing inseatd. For those without even this basic knowledge, and mostbof those who think the have it will not, a ything more advanced is wrong.

If Floyd doesn't watch out he is going to work himself into the same stupidity that characterized all the other such sessions.

Besides, the Rockefeller Report will be out by then,will have had elaborate attention and probably with Wecht and the wrong orientation he and the others took. It all enabled a restrictive look by the new panel. We both know no panel was necessary. So, it is also better to stick to an area close to certain not to be in the new whitewash.

I've tried to discourage any kind of program and to encourage the students getting together and doing their own thing, talk it over and decide on their own action program. I've suggested to Floyd that he get several Members to discuss how citizens can best and most effectively petition for the redress of grievances.

I've also told him that if one of those I consider nuts or self-seekers is invited I'll not be there. Right now the most important thing isstaying clean and cutting out any of the crazy stuff the Gregory-Lane gang does. It will be fatal to their sudden effort to grab the rights to the field and I won't let it be to my efforts to do something worthwhile.

Looking forward,